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MEMORANDUM

TO: James M. Eagen III

Chief Administrative Officer

FROM: Steven A. McNamara

Inspector General

DATE: January 8, 2002

SUBJECT: Audit Report – Security and Funding Issues Related to House Messaging Servers

(Report No. 02-CAO-01)

This is our final report on the House messaging environment. The audit objective was to assess the internal controls and security functions in place throughout the centralized messaging environment managed by HIR. A secondary objective was to determine if the monthly fees paid by Members for fax services were spent for any purpose other than providing fax services. In this report, we identified problems and made recommendations for corrective action. This report, which includes a discussion of overall issues and recommendations, is confidential and should not be released to anyone other than auditee management, except by approval of the House Office of Inspector General.

On August 15, 2001, your office concurred with the conclusions of our draft report dated July 12, 2001. Your response is incorporated in this final report and included in its entirety as an appendix. The corrective actions taken by your office are appropriate and responsive.

We appreciate the courtesy and cooperation extended to us by your staff. If you have any questions or require additional information regarding this report, please call Chris Hendricks or me at (202) 226-1250.

Attachment

cc: Speaker of the House

Majority Leader of the House Minority Leader of the House

Chairman, Committee on House Administration

Ranking Minority Member, Committee on House Administration

Members, Committee on House Administration